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Dear Sir:

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3) TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3), Applicants respectfully request that the attached amendment to the priority claim submitted concurrently with the present petition be entered on the grounds that the delay in making the entire priority claim was unintentionally delayed.

The above-identified patent application was filed on September 10, 2003. When initially filed, the above-identified patent application claimed priority to commonly assigned, co-invented application serial no. 10/270,228, filed October 10, 2002, entitled CHAIR CONSTRUCTION, which is a continuation of commonly assigned, co-invented application serial no. 09/579,166, filed May 25, 2000, entitled CHAIR CONSTRUCTION. However, Applicants unintentionally did not include a priority claim to provisional application serial no. 60/139,599, filed June 17, 1999, entitled ADJUSTABLE CHAIR CONSTRUCTION.

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Applicants hereby petition for acceptance of the unintentionally delayed submission of the priority claim. The entire delay in making the priority claim until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3) was unintentional.

In support of Applicants' petition, Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$1370.00.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2463. A duplicate copy of this document is attached.

Favorable action on the merits of this petition is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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